

REMARKS

Claims 11-20 have been examined.

I. Preliminary Matters

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as not showing every feature recited in the claims. In view of the amendments to claims 11 and 16, however, Applicant submits that the objection is now moot.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In view of the amendments to claims 11 and 16, however, Applicant submits that the rejection is now moot.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite. In view of the amendments to claims 11 and 16, however, Applicant submits that the rejection is now moot.

IV. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,075,616 to Nishi (“Nishi”)

The Examiner has rejected claims 11 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Nishi.

A. Claim 11

Applicant submits that claim 11 is patentable over the cited reference. For example, claim 11 recites, “wherein said job request section receives job location data showing a location of said job data from a print server, wherein said job request section sends a job request to said host computer which said job location data shows, wherein said job request section can specify a part of said job data for said host computer when said job request section sends said job request, and said printing section receives only said specified part of said job data sent from said host computer in response to a request from said job request section and prints it.”

The above features were previously recited in claims 12 and 14. In addition to being rejected in view of the Nishi reference, claims 12 and 14 were respectively rejected in view of the Gase and Pipeline Corporation references (cited below). Accordingly, the following comments are based on Nishi, Gase and Pipeline.

Nishi relates to page printers. If the receiving buffer 130 is full, a wait signal, indicating the busy state, is output to a host computer. On the other hand, if the receiving buffer 130 is not full, even after storing of data, a ready signal (alleged job request of claim 11), indicating that the printer can receive the print data DO, is output. Since Nishi fails to disclose the above cited

features of claim 11, however, the Examiner cites to the Gase and Pipeline Corporation references. Gase relates to a network printer which includes procedures that enable remote processors to control print jobs queued for printing on a network printer (col. 1, lines 6-10). Pipeline Corporation is directed to a network printer that includes functions which enable a URL of a print job to be received, which can include pages that are hyperlinked to an original document (col. 1, lines 48-60 of Gase).

Applicant submits that if Nishi, Gase and Pipeline Corporation were combined, the printer would send the ready signal to the host, and then the host would send the data to the printer in page units. In addition, the printer would not recognize the quantity of the data that the host sends. On the contrary, in the present invention, the printer specifies a part of the data and adjusts (or controls) the quantity of the data, as set forth in claim 11. Accordingly, Applicant submits that even if the references were combined, the alleged combination would fail to teach or suggest the claimed printer.

At least based on the foregoing, Applicant submits that claim 11 is patentable over the Nishi reference.

B. Claim 16

By this Amendment, Applicant has incorporated the subject matter of claims 17 and 19 into claim 16. Accordingly, claims 17 and 19 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Since claim 16 contains features that are analogous to the features recited in claim 1, Applicant submits that claim 16 is patentable for at least analogous reasons as claim 1.

V. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,184,996 to Gase (“Gase”) and Nishi

The Examiner has rejected claims 11-13 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gase in view of Nishi.

A. Claims 11 and 16

Applicant submits that claims 11 and 16 are patentable over the cited references for at least analogous reasons as set forth above.

B. Claims 12, 13, 17 and 18

Since claims 13 and 18 are dependent upon one of claims 11 or 16, Applicant submits that such claims are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency.

In addition, since claim 12 has been incorporated into claim 11 and claim 17 has been incorporated into claim 16, Applicant has canceled claims 12 and 17 without prejudice or disclaimer.

VI. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Gase, Nishi and column 1, lines 48-60 of Gase (“Pipeline Corporation”)

The Examiner has rejected claims 14, 15, 19 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gase, Nishi and Pipeline Corporation. However, since claim

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20 is dependent upon one of claim 16, and Pipeline Corporation fails to cure the deficient teachings of Gase and Nishi, in regard to claim 16, Applicant submits that such claim is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency.

Since claim 14 has been incorporated into claim 11 and claim 19 has been incorporated into claim 16, Applicant has canceled claims 14 and 19 without prejudice or disclaimer. In addition, claim 15 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

VII. Conclusion

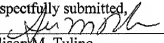
In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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